

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 20-A: EDUCATION
Chapter 502: CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL

§13023. EDUCATIONAL TECHNICIAN AUTHORIZATION

1. Authorization. The educational technician authorization is a renewable authorization issued to paraprofessional personnel who have achieved minimum educational standards and to those personnel who have been grandfathered into their current positions for work in schools.

[1997, c. 553, §4 (NEW) .]

2. Qualifications. The commissioner shall adopt rules to define the function, preparation and supervision for the different levels of educational technician authorization. The rules must recognize applicable work experience credits earned by educational technicians through completion of work apprenticeship programs offered by the Department of Labor. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

[2001, c. 98, §1 (AMD) .]

3. Five-year authorization. An educational technician authorization is issued for a 5-year period and may be renewed upon presentation of documentation that the educational technician has completed at least 3 credit hours of professional or academic study or in-service training that is new learning and related to the occupation of educational technicians. Nothing in this section requires a school administrative unit to pay for the cost of the professional or academic study or in-service training of an educational technician.

[1997, c. 553, §4 (NEW) .]

4. Upgrade of authorization. An educational technician may at any time apply for and receive an upgraded authorization so long as the educational technician presents evidence of meeting the educational preparation requirements for that authorization.

[1997, c. 553, §4 (NEW) .]

5. Optional local authorization. A school administrative unit may develop and operate an optional local educational technician authorization system under rules adopted by the commissioner. These rules are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

[1997, c. 553, §4 (NEW) .]

6. Fees. The commissioner shall assess fees for authorization under this section. The fee for each initial educational technician authorization and for renewal of an educational technician authorization must be set annually by the commissioner.

[2015, c. 395, §8 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

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